

FELIXSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 2nd October 2013 at Felixstowe Town Hall

Present: Councillors Jan Garfield (Mayor), Barber, Bird, Deacon, Jon Garfield, Morris, Newman, Savage, Sennington, Sharman, Slemmings, Stokell and Williams.

Also present: Eight members of the public and one member of the press.

237. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public queried the status of the car parking spaces outside the Town Hall at weekends. Members were unable to verify the status of the spaces but indicated they were controlled by the Traffic Order obtained by Suffolk County Council, to which organisation the enquiry should be directed.

A member of the public asked for an update on the Spa Gardens project and was advised that this was being overseen by Suffolk Coastal District Council and that a press release on the current situation had just been released by that Council.

A member of the public spoke regarding the implications for road users during the construction phase of the food store at Railway Approach, and was advised that the site had full planning approval which had been agreed by Suffolk Coastal District Council taking into account the highways situation.

238. PRAYERS

The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend Mark Reid, Maidstone Road Baptist Church.

239. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Smith and Webb.

240. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Bird, Deacon, Jan Garfield, Morris, Savage, Sennington, Sharman, Slemmings and Williams declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest as Members of Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Councillors Barber and Newman declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest as Members of Suffolk County Council.

241. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS FOR COUNCILLORS WITH A PECUNIARY INTEREST

No requests for dispensation had been received.

242. QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

No Members had tabled any questions for the Mayor.

243. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14th AUGUST 2013

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th August 2013 were confirmed as a true record by those present and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

244. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor referred to a list of engagements: 24.08.13 – to open the Firs Summer Fete; 24.08.13 – Moot Camp, afternoon tea with the Scouts; 25.08.13 – Mid Suffolk District Council, Civic Service; 28.08.13 – 100th birthday celebration of Dora Corcas; 01.09.13 – to open the Guide Dogs for the Blind Fair; 01.09.13 – to open Art on the Prom; 09.09.13 – re-branding of Lloyds TSB to TSB Bank; 10.09.13 – Royal Naval Parade of the Felixstowe Sea Cadets; 12.09.13 – Port of Felixstowe LALC meeting; 13.09.13 – Battle of Britain Cocktail Party at RAF Honington; 15.09.13 – Waveney District Council, Chairman's Civic Service; 15.09.13 – Haverhill Town Council, Civic Service, Deputy Mayor; 17.09.13 – Felixstowe in Flower Awards Ceremony; 18.09.13 – International Women's Club, Koto and Flute Concert; 19.09.13 – 23.09.13 – Civic visit to Wesel; 23.09.13 – 27.09.13 – Civic visit to Salzwedel; 21.09.13 – Felixstowe Listening Service, coffee morning; 22.09.13 – Hadleigh Town Council, Civic Service, Deputy Mayor; 22.09.13 - Ipswich Mayor's Sunday Service; 26.09.13 – NSPCC, East Suffolk Annual Meeting, Deputy Mayor; 28.09.13 – Mayor's Charity Thai Night.

245. PLANS COMMITTEE

Items 162 - 173, 174 – 189 and 195 – 201 of the meetings held on 21st August and 4th and 18th September 2013 were presented to the Council.

RESOLVED that the report of this Committee be approved.

246. NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Items 190 – 194 of the meeting held on 5th September 2013 were presented to the Council.

RESOLVED that the report of this Committee be approved.

247. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Items 202 – 213 of the meeting held on 18th September 2013 were presented to the Council. The Council's Officers were congratulated on ensuring the Council received an unqualified audit report.

Item 205 – Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts from 1st July 2013 – 31st August 2013 amounting to £75,767.27 presented to this Committee be approved.

Item 207 – "Wings on Waves"

RESOLVED that the remaining £2,103.80 be transferred from the "Wings on Waves" reserves budget and be returned to the Enhancement and Promotional Schemes Budget.

Item 209 – Felixstowe and Walton Football Club – request for funding

RESOLVED that Felixstowe Town Council donate £250 in support of Felixstowe & Walton United Football Club's Firework Spectacular to be held on Sunday 3rd November 2013 from the Town Council's Enhancement and Promotion budget.

Item 210(a) - Report of the meeting of the Cemetery and Allotments Sub-Committee of 20th August 2013

It was **RESOLVED** that allotment rents should be increased by 25p per rod from £4.50 to £4.75 in October 2014 and that the current 50 per cent reduction for pensioners and the long term unemployed would be retained. There would be an increase in water charges of 50p to £5.50 per allotment in October 2014.

248. PROPOSALS FOR THE A14 IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON

RESOLVED that the Council agreed to object most strongly to the introduction of a toll road to replace the existing A14 link between Cambridge and Huntingdon.

249. PURCHASE OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL RISK SYSTEM

RESOLVED that the Council purchase the Local Council Risk System.

250. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED that subject to:

- a) The removal of the first bullet point in the "Membership" section
- b) The amendment from 5 to 4 in the "Membership" section
- c) The substitution of "ensure" for "provide" in the Objectives
- d) The indenting of the bullet points relating to the Appeal Hearing Panel
- e) The substitution of "appraisal and to report back" for appraisal reporting back" in the paragraph relating to appraisals

The Terms of Reference be adopted.

251. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

252. SOUTH SEAFRONT LAND

RESOLVED that the Council allocate a further £3,000 from the Community Fund to provide for additional technical support to produce a potential business case and plan, subject to the District Council providing the Development Agreement and other supporting information necessary to draw up a business plan.

253. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 10.10pm.